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1. LATE IN JUNE, USUN ASKED BUDGET DIVISION (ANVAR) WHEN REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING A/RES 32/198 AND REQUIRED REPORT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. ANVAR SAID DRAFT REGULATIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO SYG, BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BECAUSE OF "VAGUE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION." HE INDICATED THAT SOME SECTIONS OF THE DRAFT STILL WERE DISPUTED. REQUIRED REPORT, ANVAR SAID, WOULD NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.

2. MISSION FOLLOWED UP WITH BUDGET DIVISION (THERON) AUGUST 23. AFTER CHECKING WITH USYG DAVIDSON, THERON SAID REPORT WAS STILL BEING DRAFTED AND WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL OCTOBER. IT WILL BE A DETAILED, LENGTHY RECITATION OF A) EXCEPTIONS (E.G. DAVIDSON'S RETURN FROM GENEVA JULY 14 UPON WALDHEIM'S DIRECT ORDERS TO ATTEND URGENT MEETING ON PENSION TAX REIMBURSEMENT ISSUE); B) ANOMALIES (E.G. PREVAILING WESTERLY WINDS WHICH CUT UNCLASSIFIED

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NY-VIENNA TRAVEL TIME BELOW NINE HOURS, BUT LENGTHEN RETURN BEYOND NINE HOURS); C) INCONSISTENCIES (E.G. INTERRUPTED TRAVEL OVER ITINERARY THAT WOULD BE LONGER THAN NINE HOURS WITHOUT A BREAK) AND SIMILAR "DIFFICULTIES" WHICH HAVE MADE "SEEMINGLY SIMPLE RULE VERY DIFFICULT TO APPLY IN PRACTICE." THERON HASTENED TO ASSURE MISSION THAT UN IS PERFORMING ON 32/198 EVEN AS IT

SIGHS OVER ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESOLUTION. HE SEEMED DELIBERATELY VAGUE ABOUT STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, BUT HIS REMARKS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THEY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR ANY TIME SOON.

3. USUN WAS TOLD LATE IN JUNE THAT THE SYG WAS EXPECTED TO DENY THE REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - ADOPTED AT THE APRIL MEETING OF THAT BODY - TO TRAVEL FIRST CLASS THENCEFORTH. THIS COMMITTEE HAD REGULARLY TRAVELLED ECONOMY CLASS, BUT MEMBERS DECIDED TO CLAIM FIRST CLASS PRIVILEGES TO WHICH THEY DISCOVERED 32/198 HAD NEWLY ENTITLED THEM. THE SYG'S DECISION ON THIS REQUEST HAS NOT YET COME DOWN.

4. AT ITS FEBRUARY/MARCH MEETING, ICSC EVIDENTLY ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION THAT ITS MEMBERS TRAVEL FIRST CLASS, AND CALLED ON UNGA TO RESTORE THIS PRIVILEGE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESUMABLY WILL APPEAR IN REPORT TO 33RD UNGA.

5. THERE ARE RECURRENT RUMORS THAT AN ASSAULT WILL BE MOUNTED ON 32/198 AT THE 33RD UNGA. IT IS EARLY TO PREDICT WHAT FORM THIS ATTACK MAY TAKE, BUT DAVIDSON'S REPORT SEEMS CERTAIN TO PROVIDE MOST OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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6. THE UN ISSUED A NEW INSTRUCTION GOVERNING STAFF TRAVEL IN MAY (ST/A1/257). A COPY IS BEING POUCHED THE DEPARTMENT (IO/IBC-HENNES). YOUNG

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